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Readers!

THOMAS
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A DAY OUT WITH THOMAS

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Dear Parent:

Congratulations! Your child is taking the first steps on an exciting journey. The destination? Independent reading!



STEP INTO READING® will help your child get there. The program offers five steps to reading success. Each step includes fun stories and colorful art. There are also Step into Reading Sticker Books, Step into Reading Math Readers, Step into Reading Write-In Readers, Step into Reading Phonics Readers, and Step into Reading Phonics First Steps! Boxed Sets—a complete literacy program with something for every child.

Learning to Read, Step by Step!



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For children who are ready to read on their own.



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- challenging vocabulary • short paragraphs • exciting stories

For newly independent readers who read simple sentences with confidence.



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- chapters • longer paragraphs • full-color art

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STEP INTO READING® is designed to give every child a successful reading experience. The grade levels are only guides. Children can progress through the steps at their own speed, developing confidence in their reading, no matter what their grade.

Remember, a lifetime love of reading starts with a single step!

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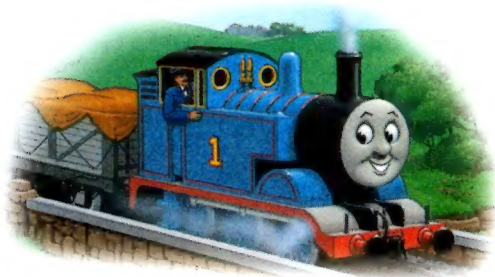
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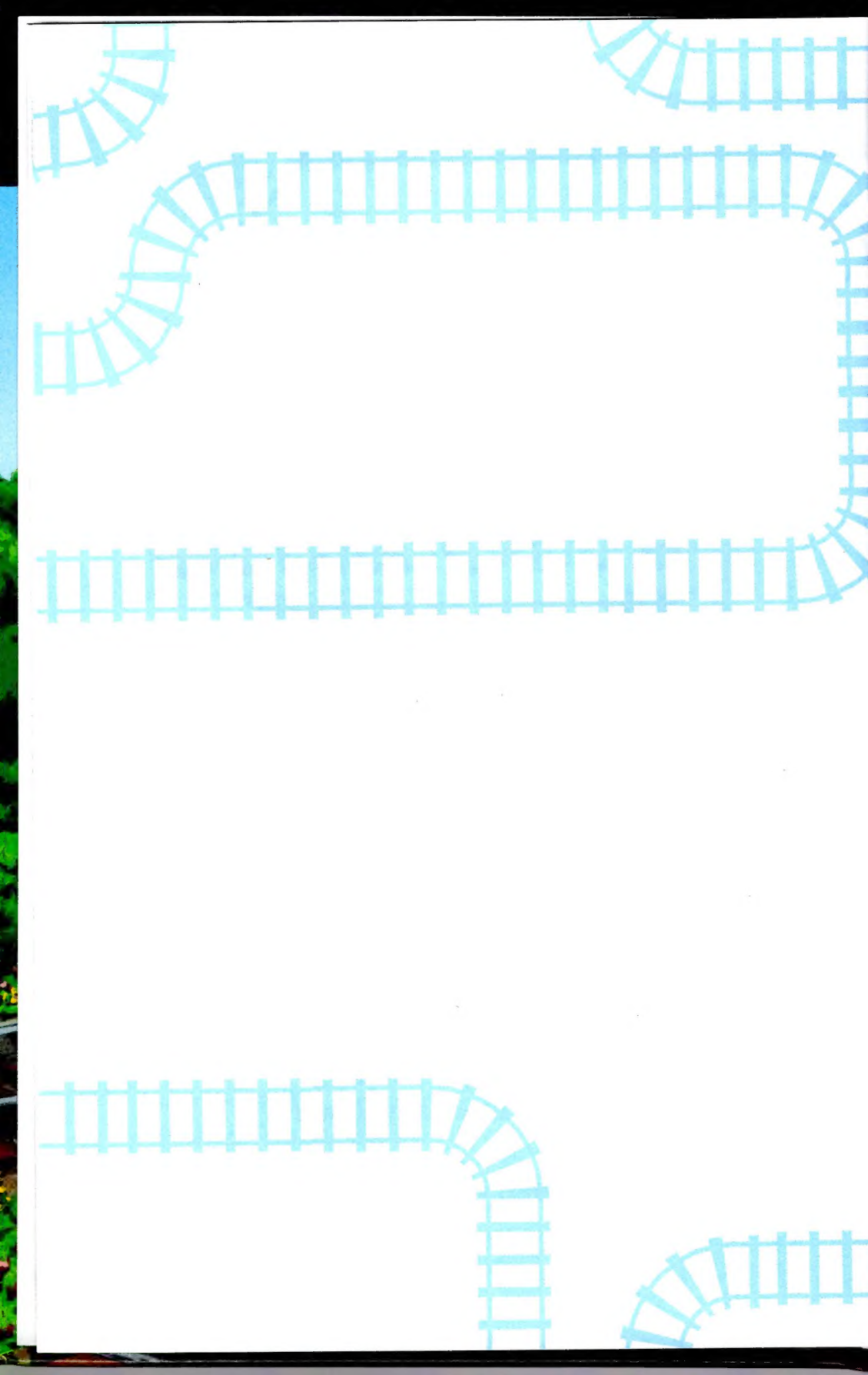
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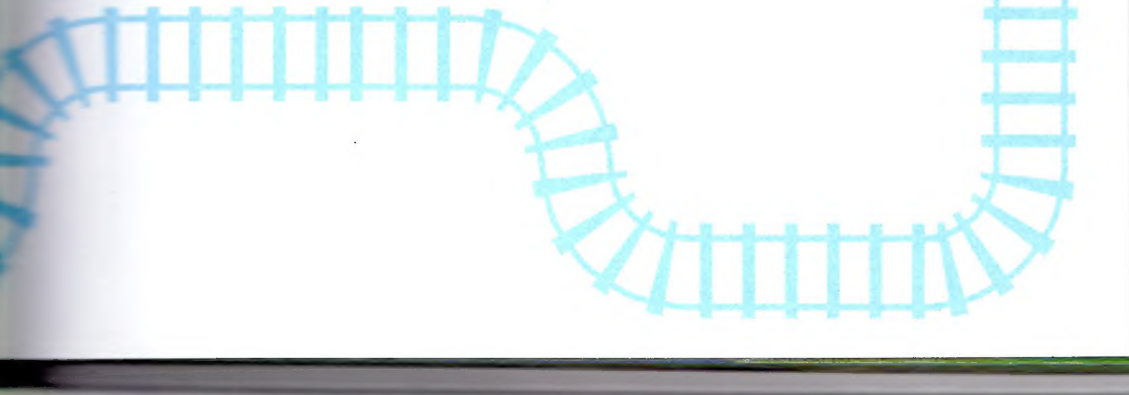


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Thomas Goes Fishing



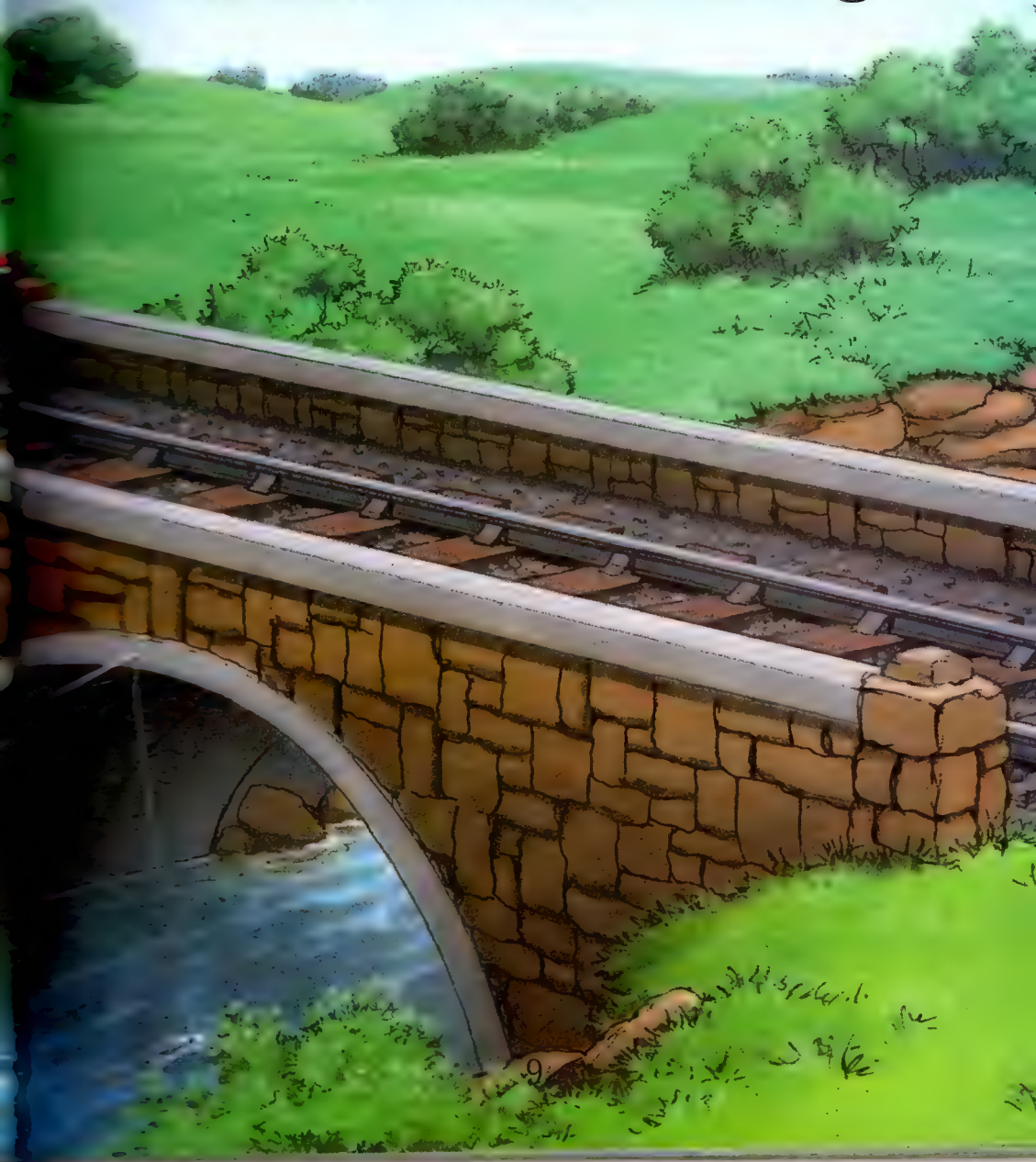
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Thomas chugged
by the river.

He saw children fishing.



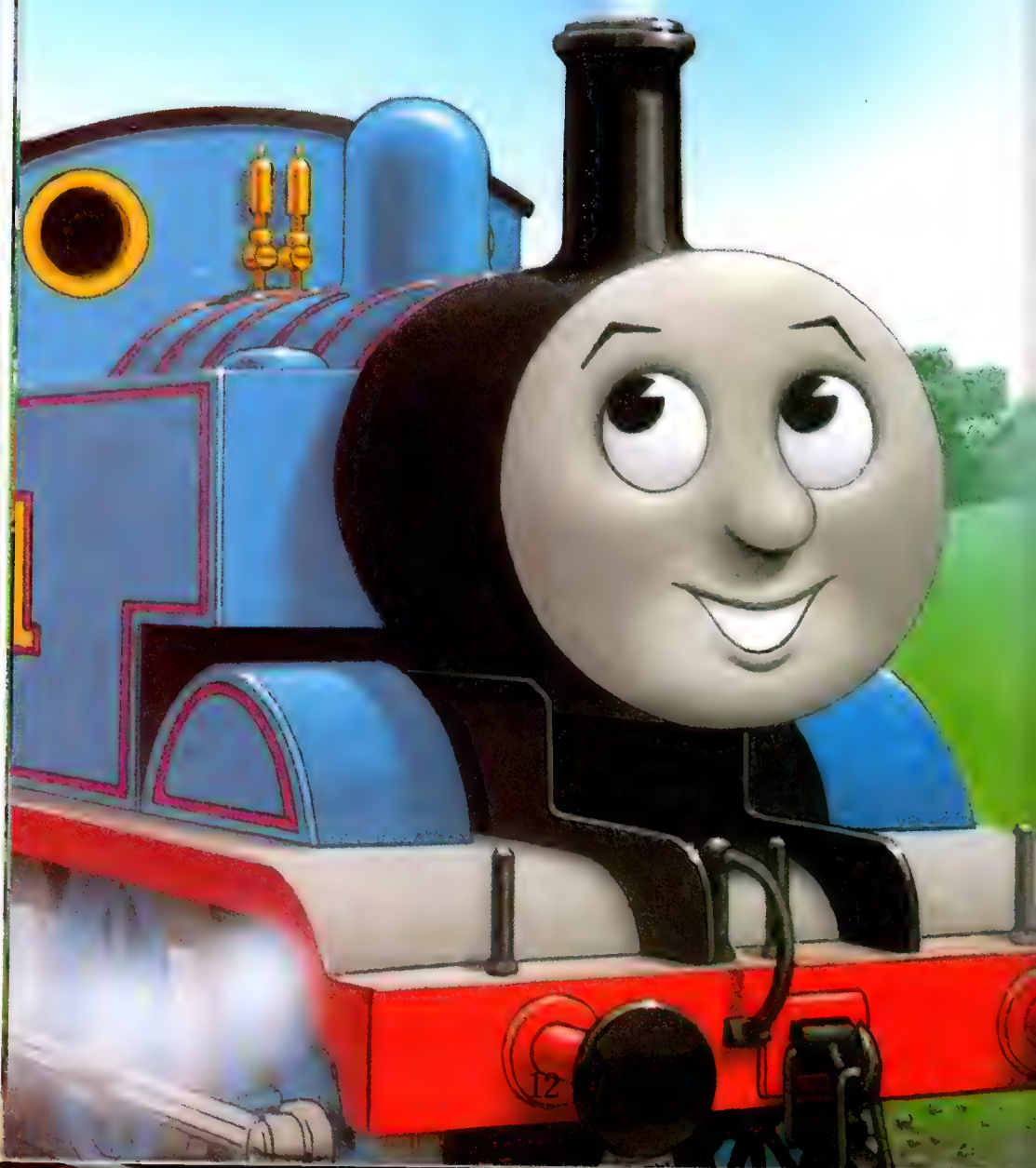
“Peep, peep,”
Thomas said.



The children waved.



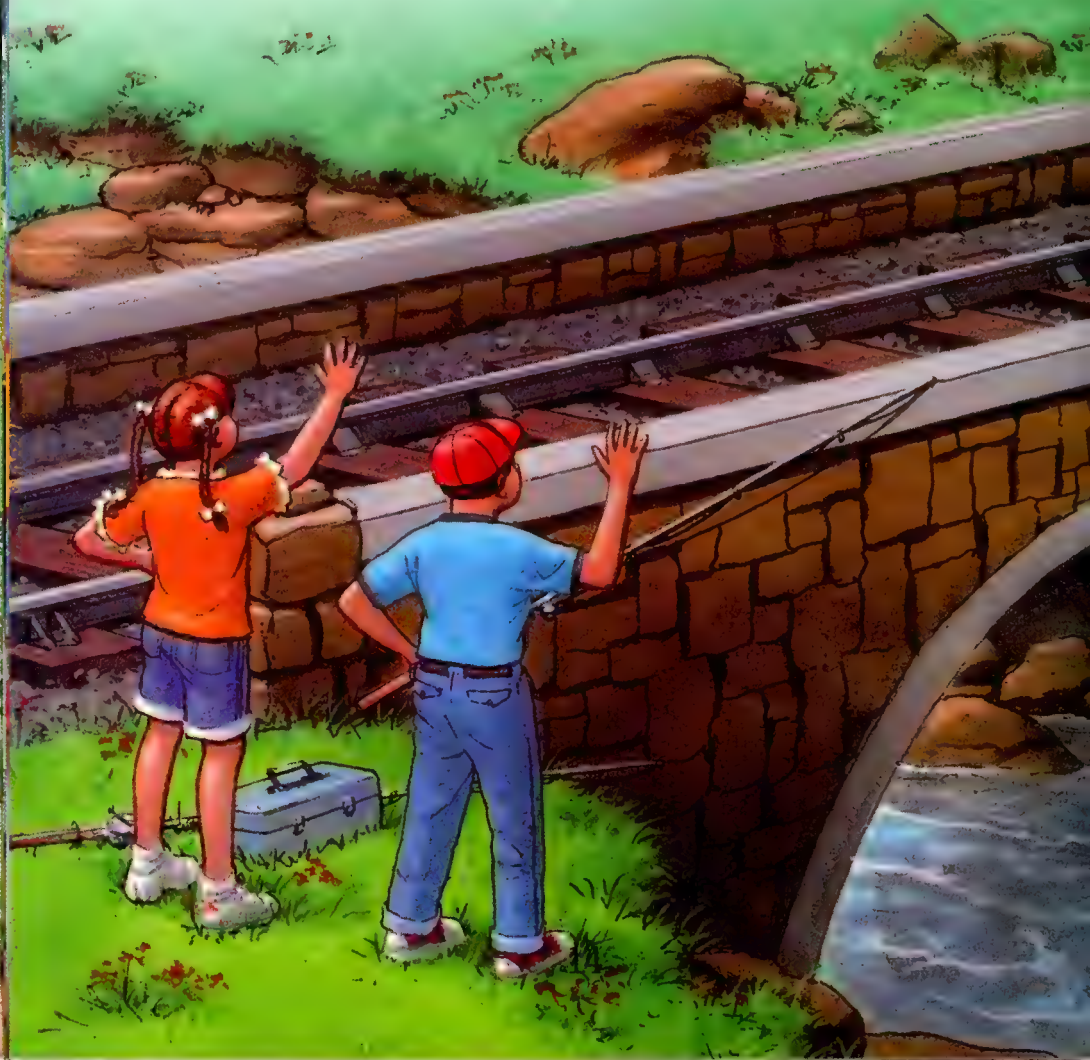
“I wish to fish,”
said Thomas.



“An engine fishing,”
the Driver said.
“That is funny!”



Each day Thomas
saw the children.
Each day Thomas
wished to fish.





One day

Thomas stopped.



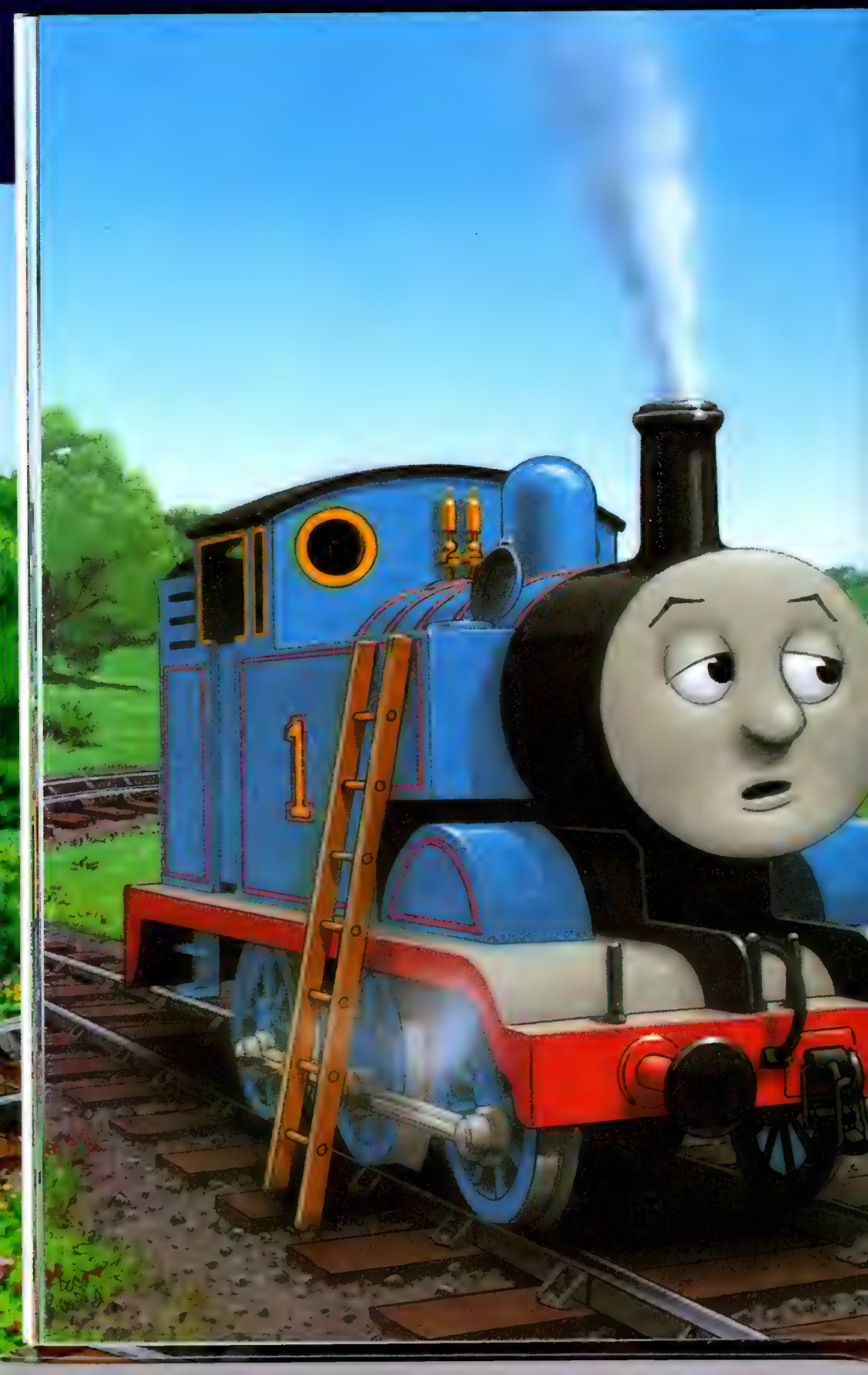
“Oh, dear!” he said.

“My boiler hurts!”



The Driver looked
in the boiler.
It was empty.





The Driver filled
Thomas' boiler
with water
from the river.



Soon they were
chugging along.





Thomas stopped again.
“Hee hee!” said Thomas.



“My boiler feels funny.”



The Driver looked
in the boiler.
It was not empty.





There was water
in the boiler.

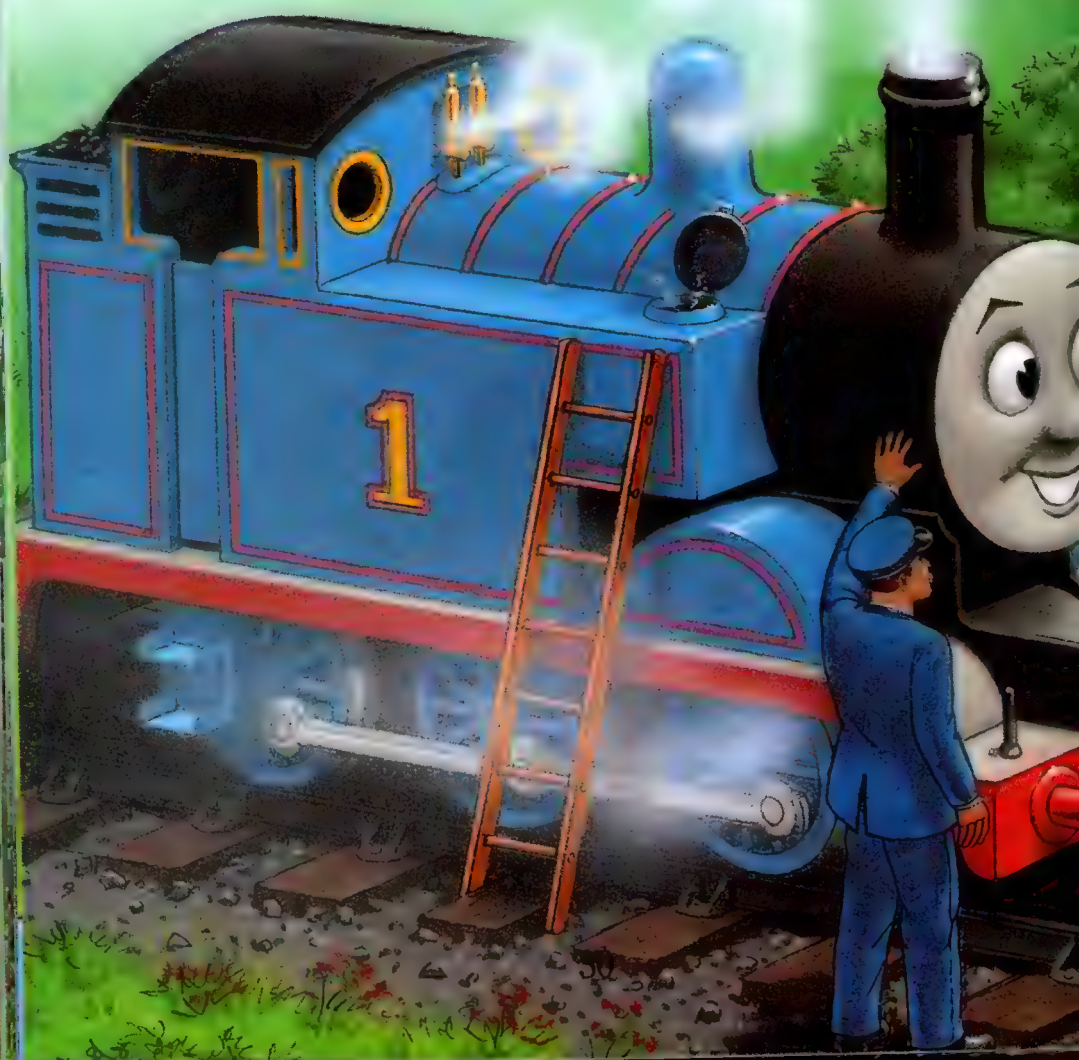
That was not all!

There were fish, too!





Thomas had an idea.
He peeped loudly.
The children came
to see Thomas.





The children could fish
in the river!



The Driver could fish
in Thomas!



And that is what
they did.





“Peep! Peep!”



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THOMAS and PERCY and the DRAGON



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It is night.

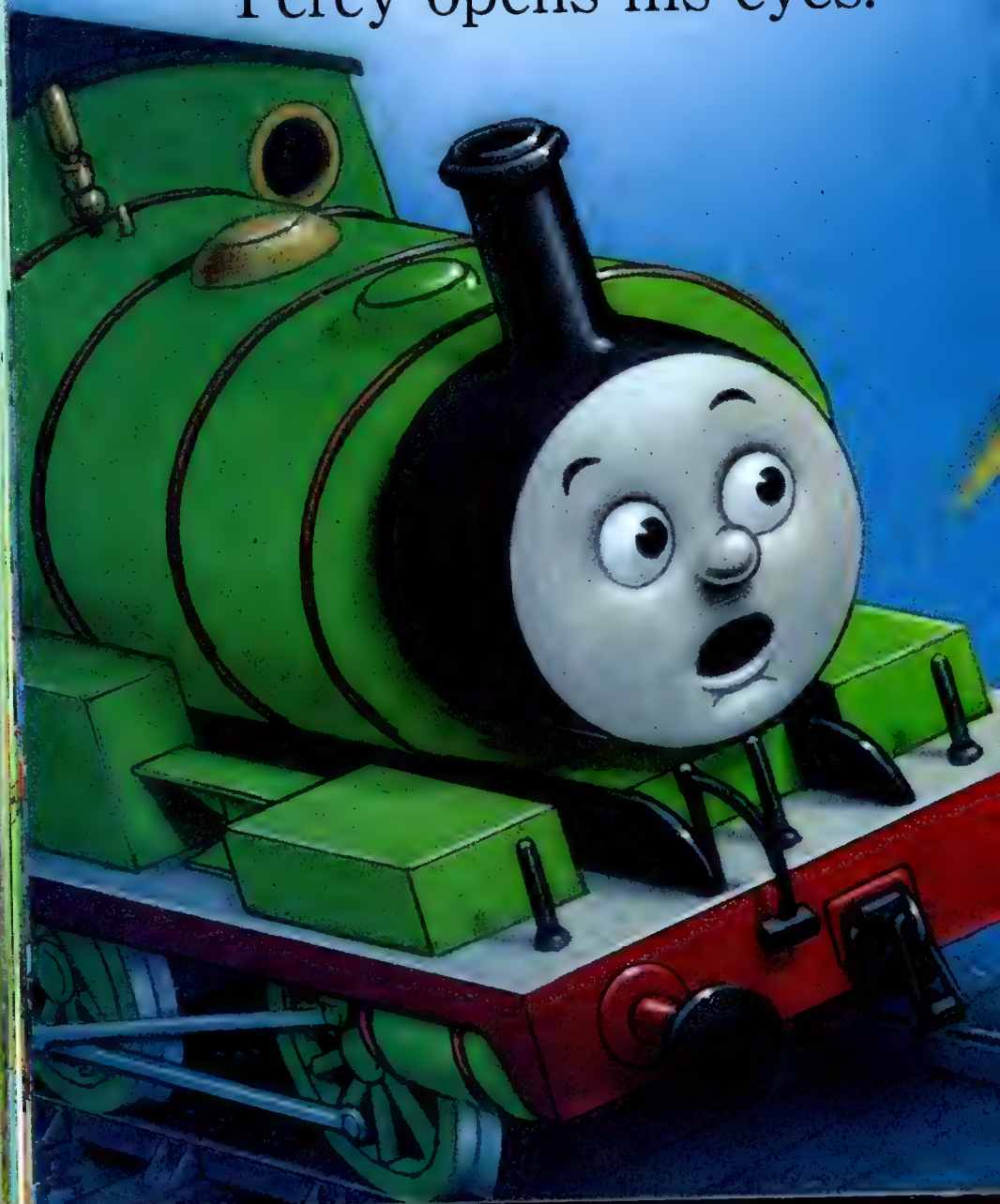
Percy is sleepy.

He is thinking about
the parade
tomorrow.





Percy hears a rumble.
Something is coming.
Percy opens his eyes.





He sees a dragon.
It is big and yellow
and scary!



“Oh no!” cries Percy.

He shuts his eyes tight.



The rumble fades.

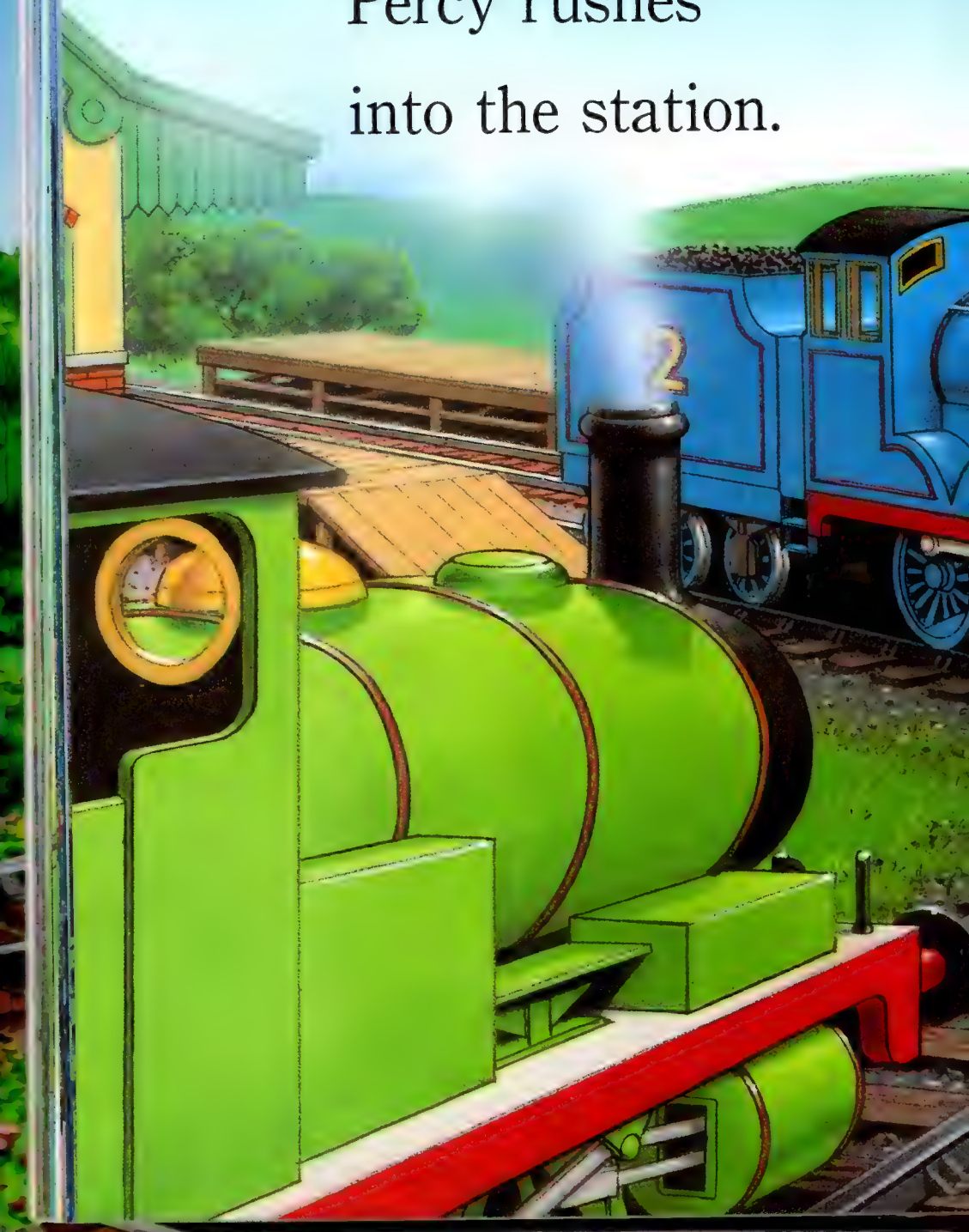
Percy peeks.

The dragon is
running away!





The next day,
Percy rushes
into the station.



“I saw a dragon
last night!” he says.



“Scared little Percy!”

teases James.

“You are off your tracks!”



James chugs off.
“Peep, peep, peep!”



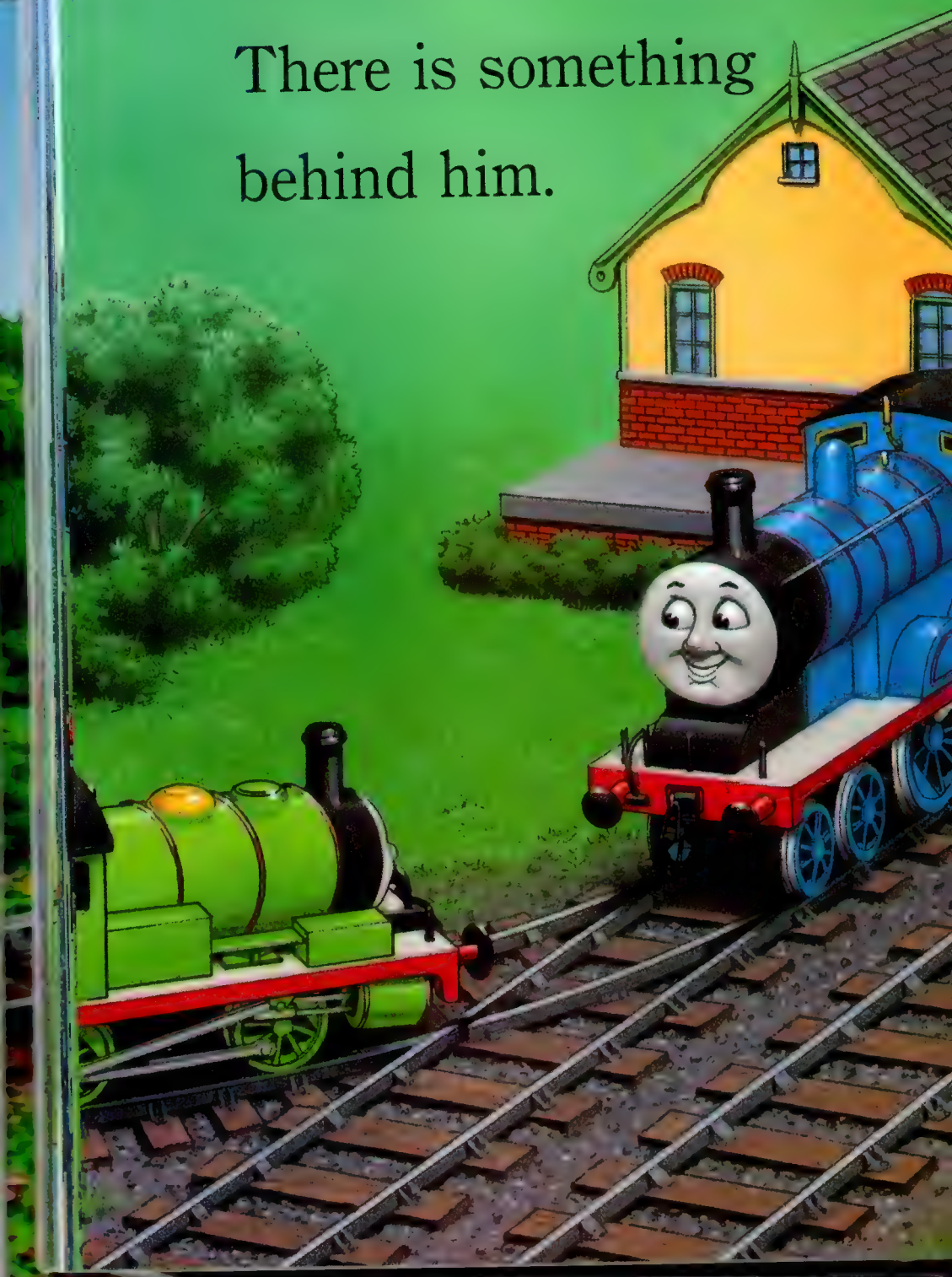
“You just had
a bad dream . . .



... dragons are not real,”
says Edward.



Percy sees Thomas.
There is something
behind him.





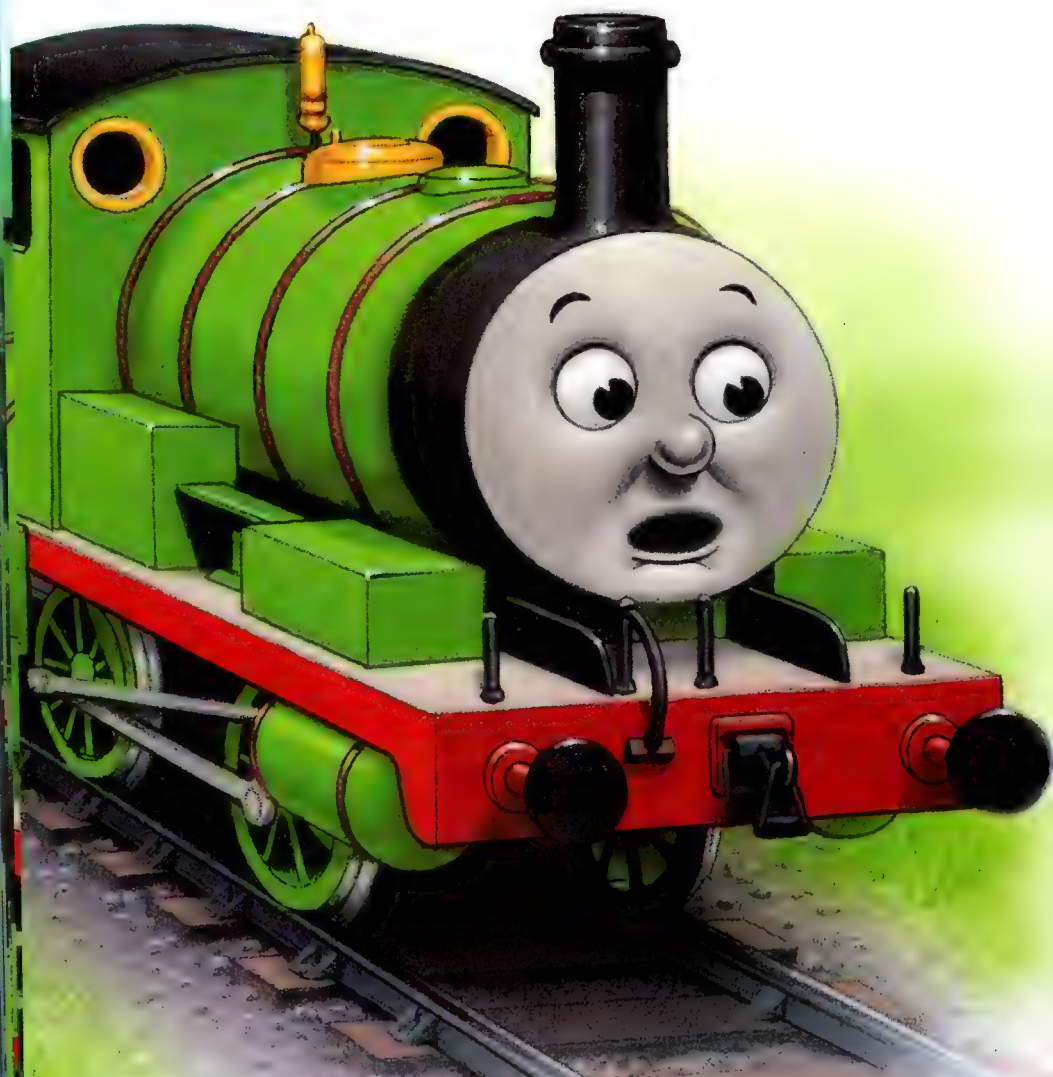
It is big and yellow
and scary!

“Watch out, Thomas!”
shouts Percy.



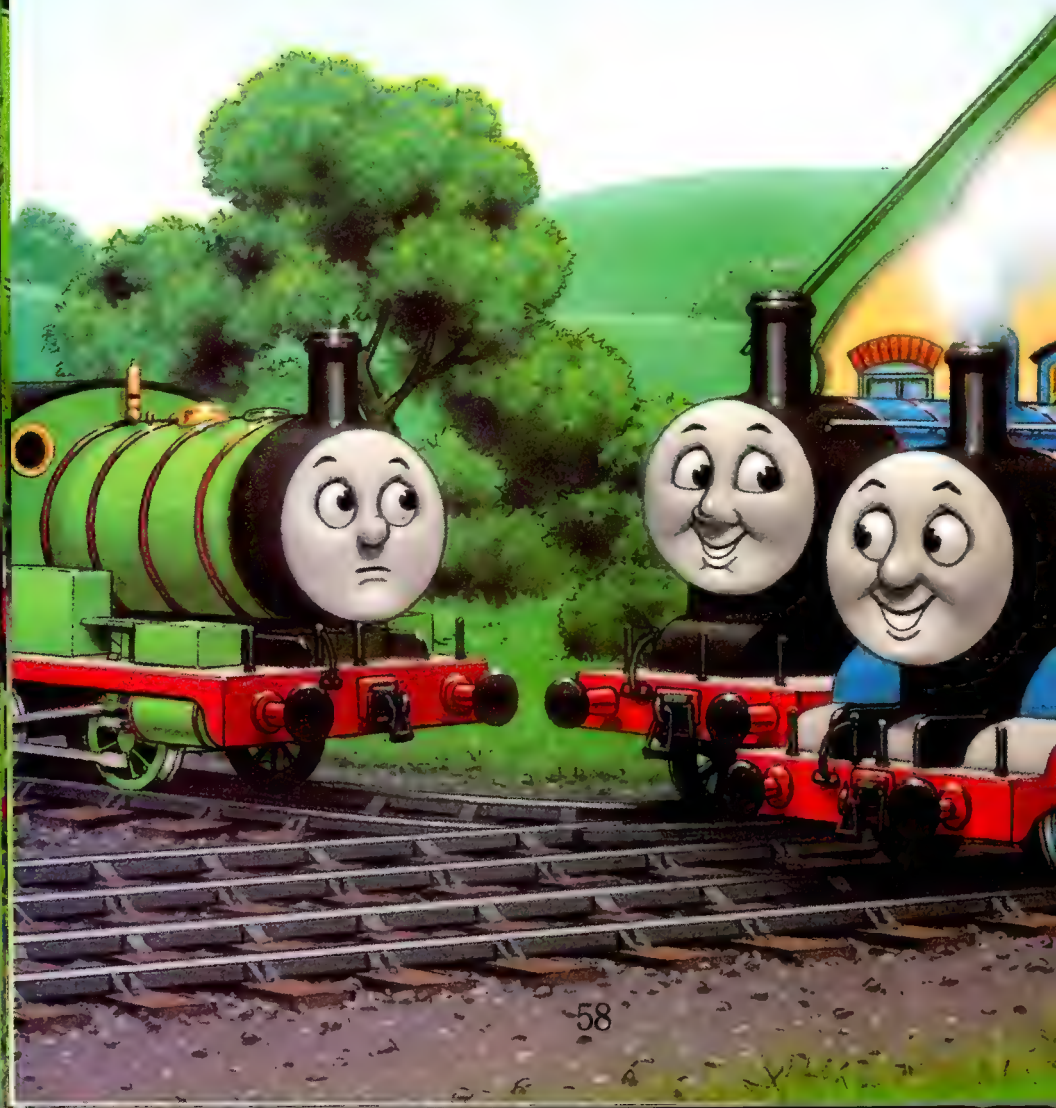


“There is a dragon
chasing you!”





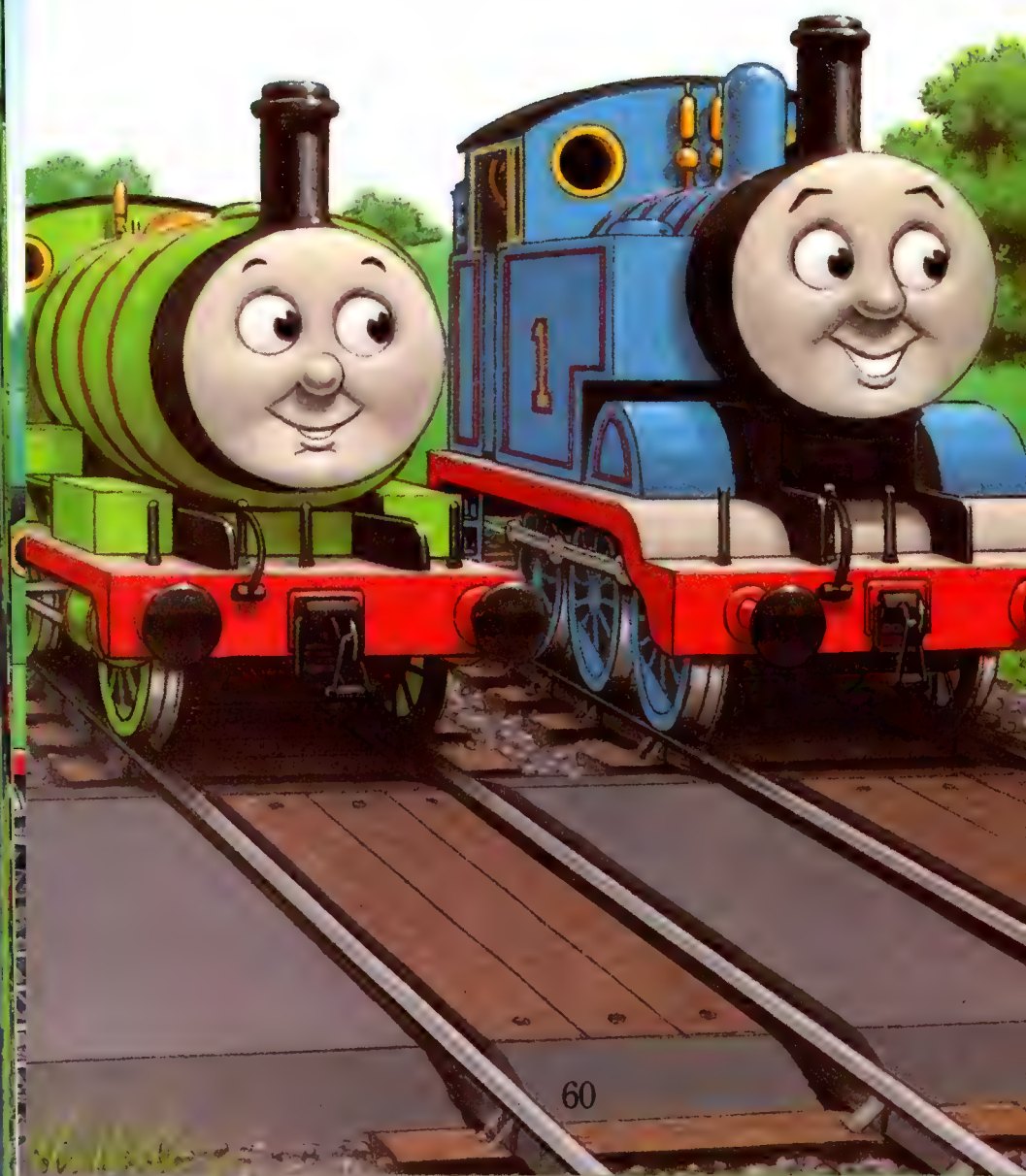
“Silly Percy,”
laughs Thomas.
“This dragon
will not eat you.”



It is a paper dragon
for the parade.”



Later, Thomas and Percy
stop to watch the parade.



There is Sir Topham Hatt.
Next comes a band.

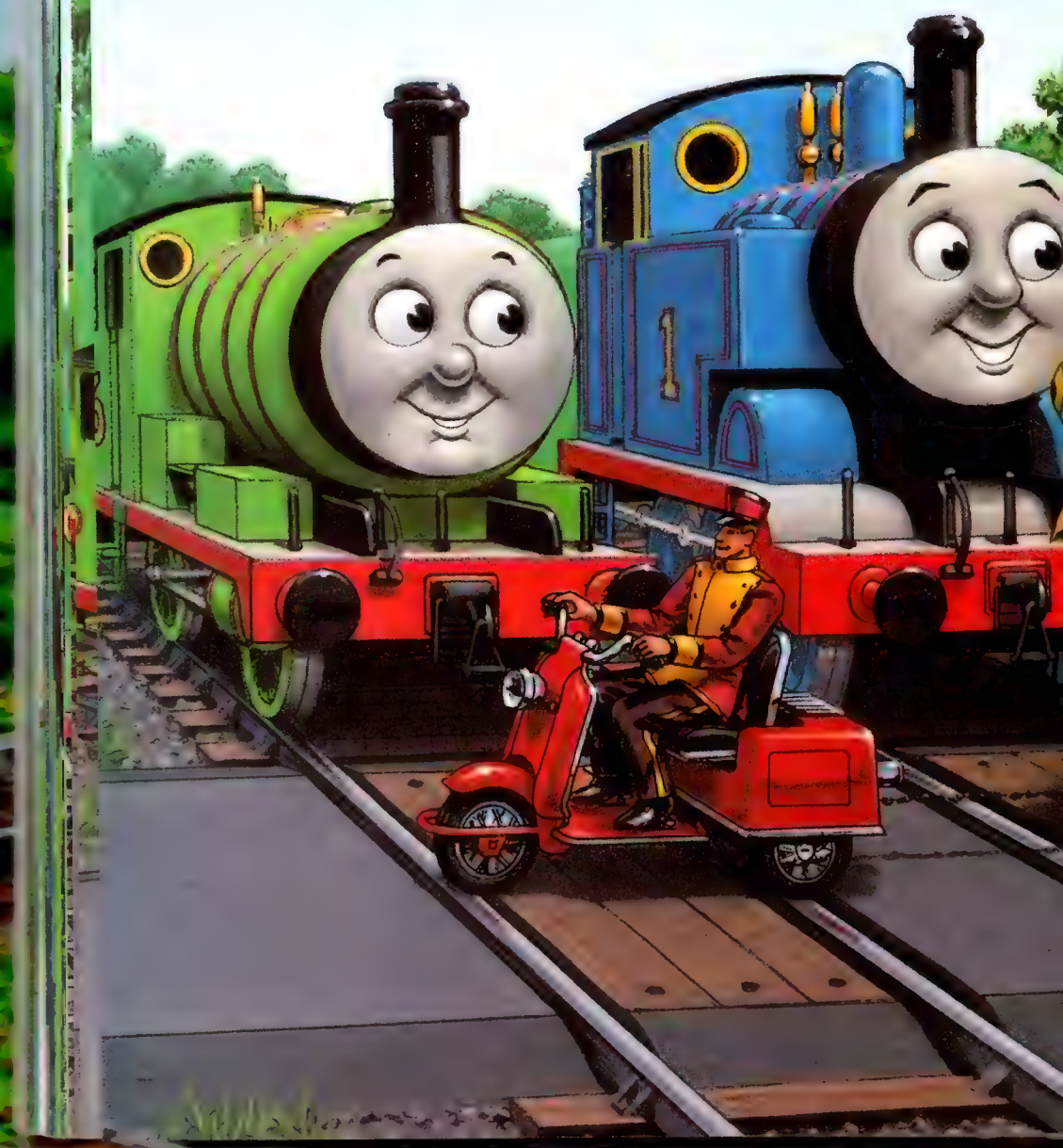


“Here comes the dragon,”
says Thomas.





“He is not so scary
anymore,”
says Percy.



“You were brave to tell
me about it,”
says Thomas.



“It is good
to tell someone,”
says Percy.



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Thomas and the Shark



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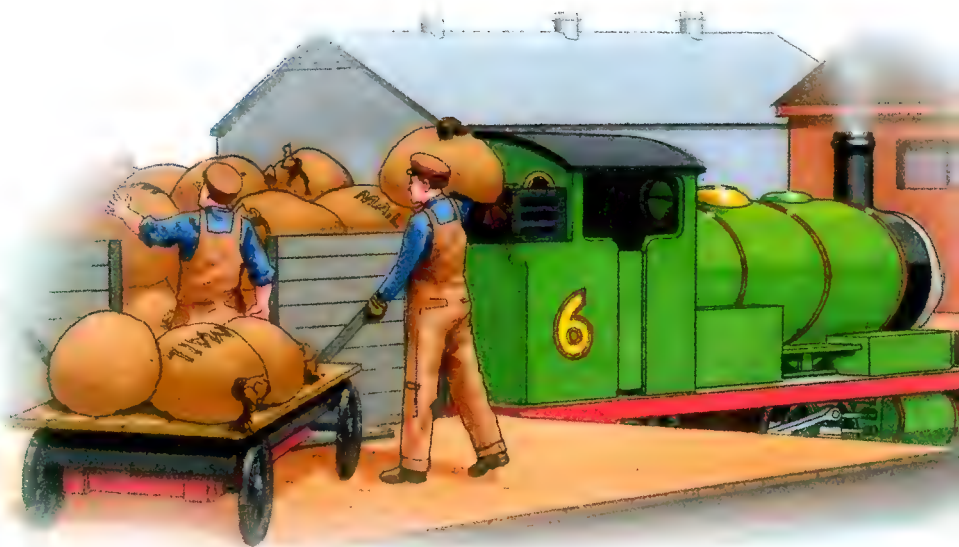
Thomas is
at Brendam Docks.
All the engines
are very busy today.



There is a lot of cargo.
They must take it
around Sodor.



Percy picks up mail.



Henry picks up steel.



Thomas picks up flour.
It is almost time
to get moving.



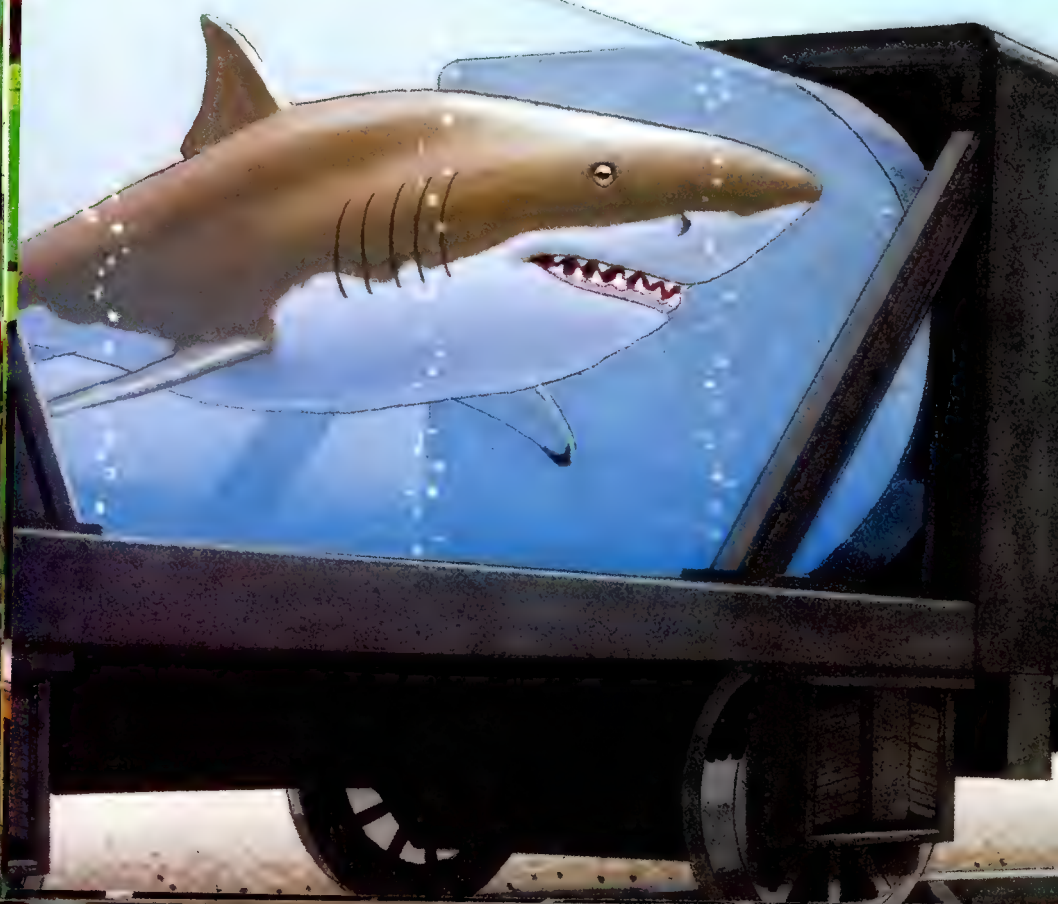
But then
all the engines
crowd around Salty.



Thomas cannot see
what is going on.
He asks James.
“Salty has a shark!”
says James.



Salty will take the shark
to the Sodor aquarium.
It will live there
with other sea animals.





Thomas wants
to see the shark.
The other engines
are in his way!

Thomas cannot wait
any longer.

He has work to do.

He leaves the docks.



The other engines stay
to see the shark.

They try
to get closer.



Gordon wants
to get the closest.
He bumps
Cranky's hook.

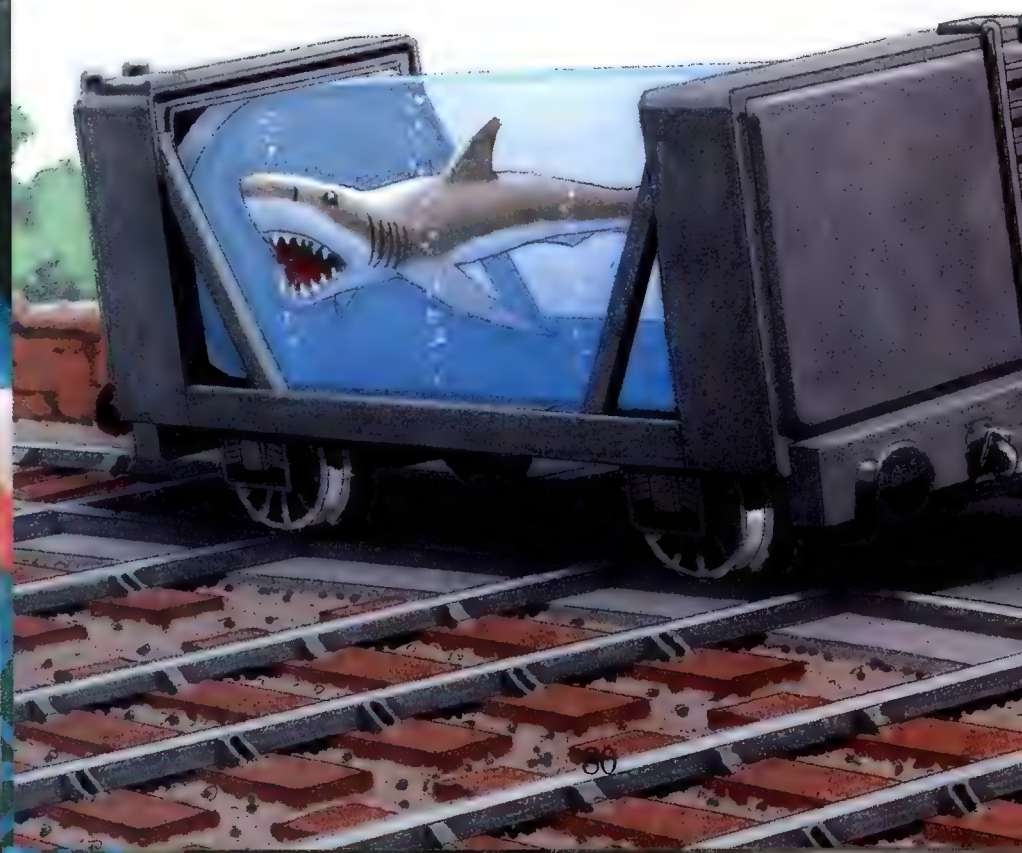


Cranky's hook bumps
into the shark car.
The shark car
comes loose!



The shark car
rolls away.

It starts to roll
down a hill.



Oh, no!

Salty must stop it.

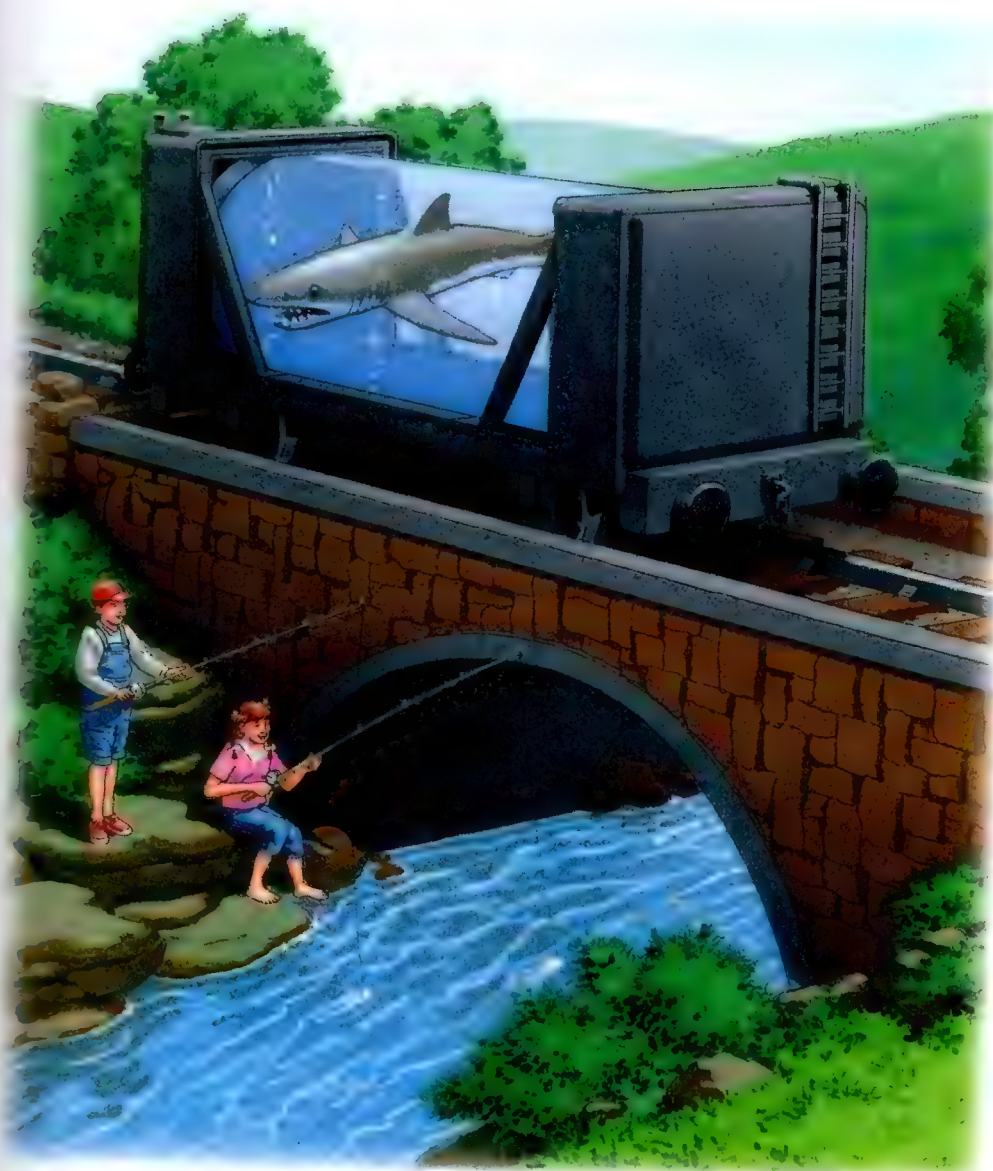


The shark car rolls
and rolls.

It moves faster
and faster.

Salty chases it.



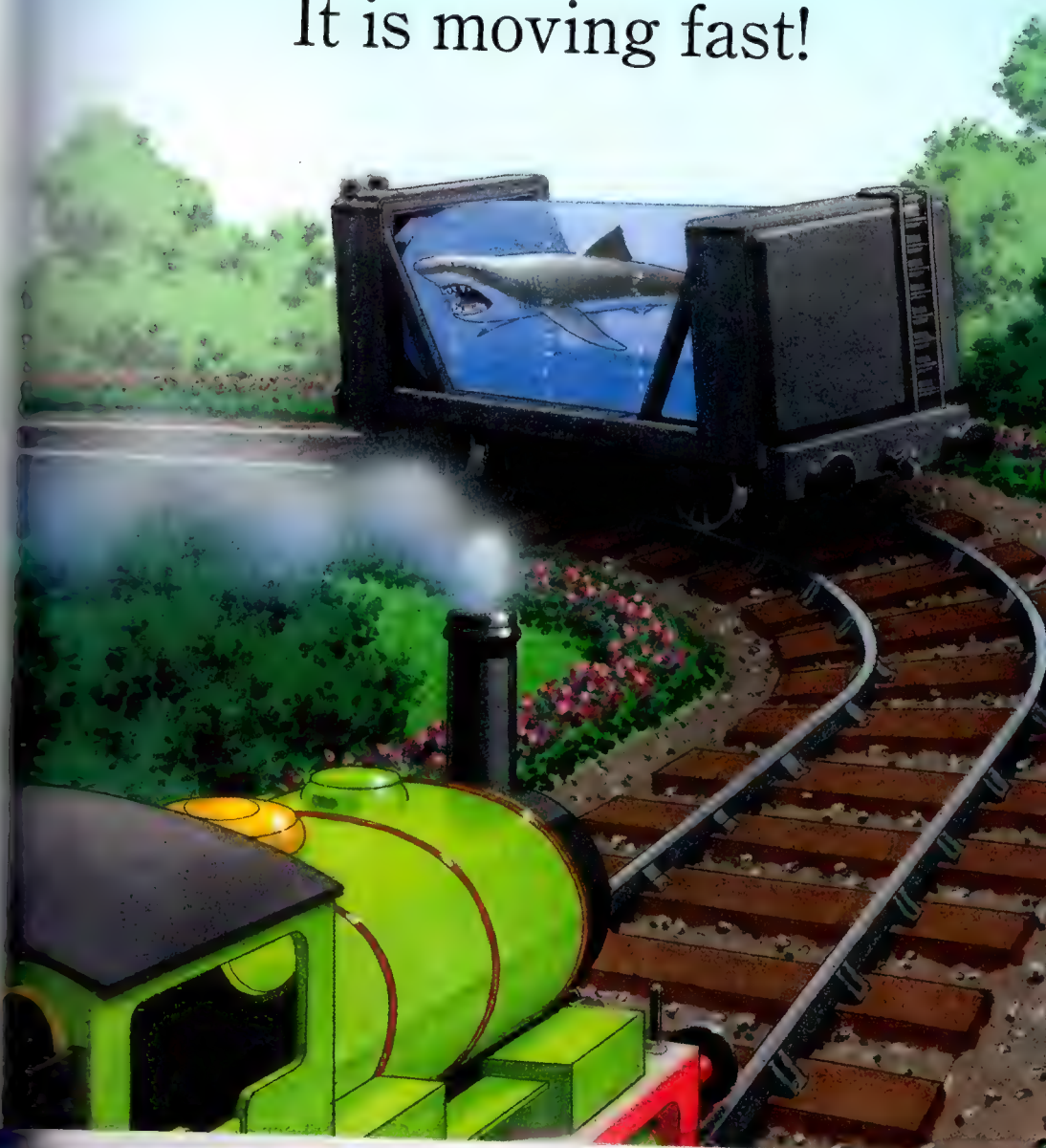


The shark car goes
over a bridge.

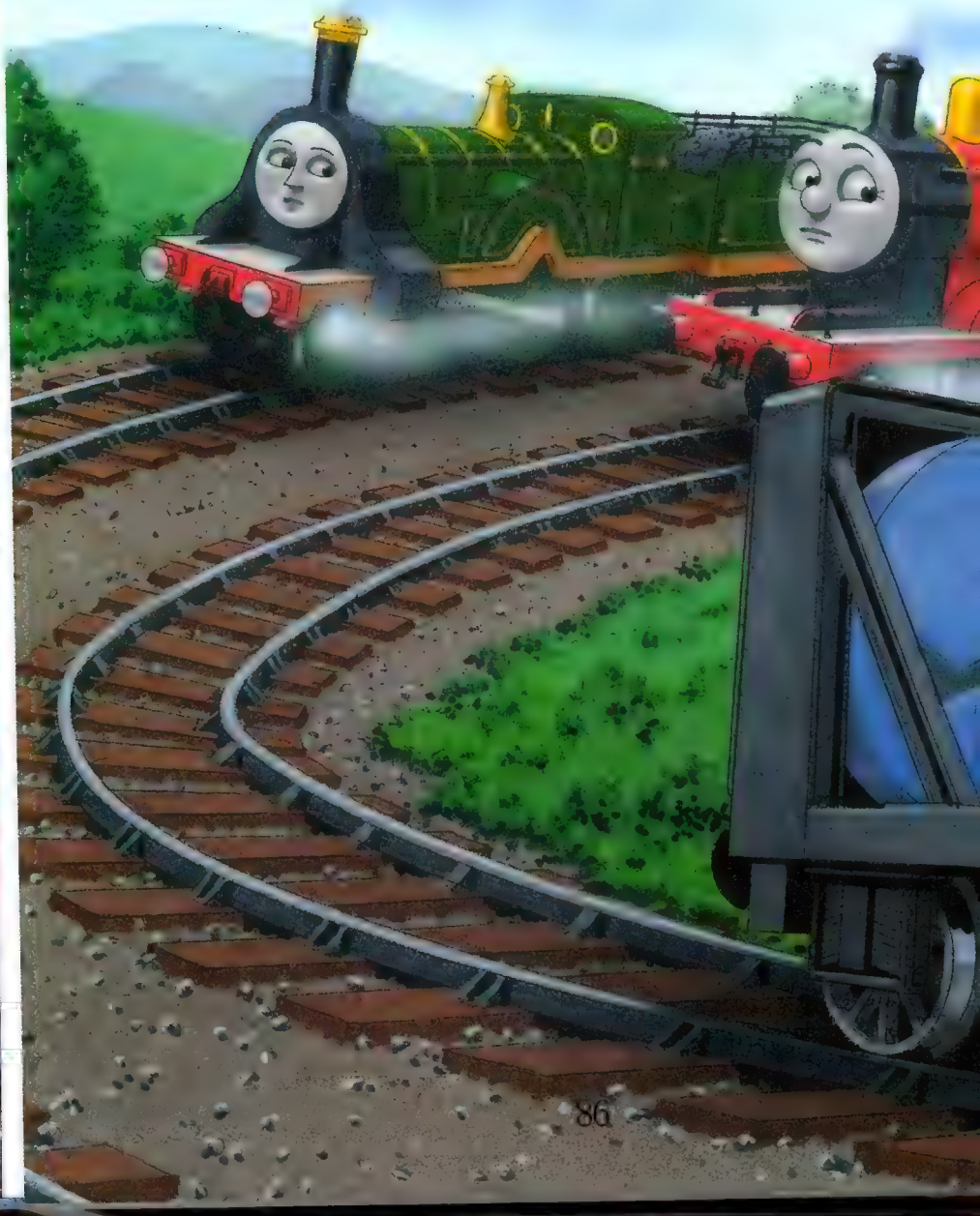
It goes
into a tunnel.
Gordon tries
to catch it.



Percy tries, too.
The shark car goes
around a bend.
It is moving fast!

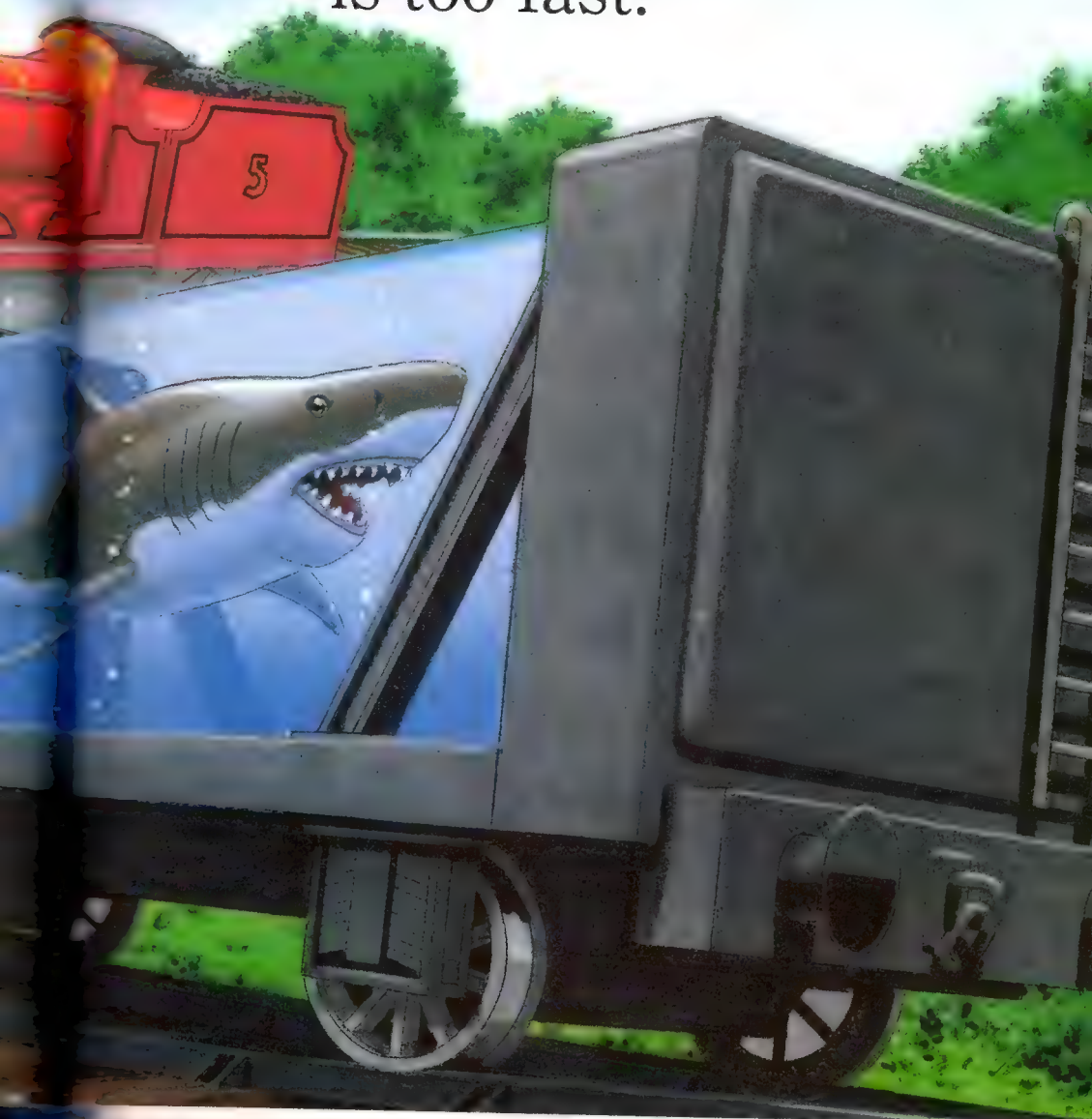


James and Emily
try to help.



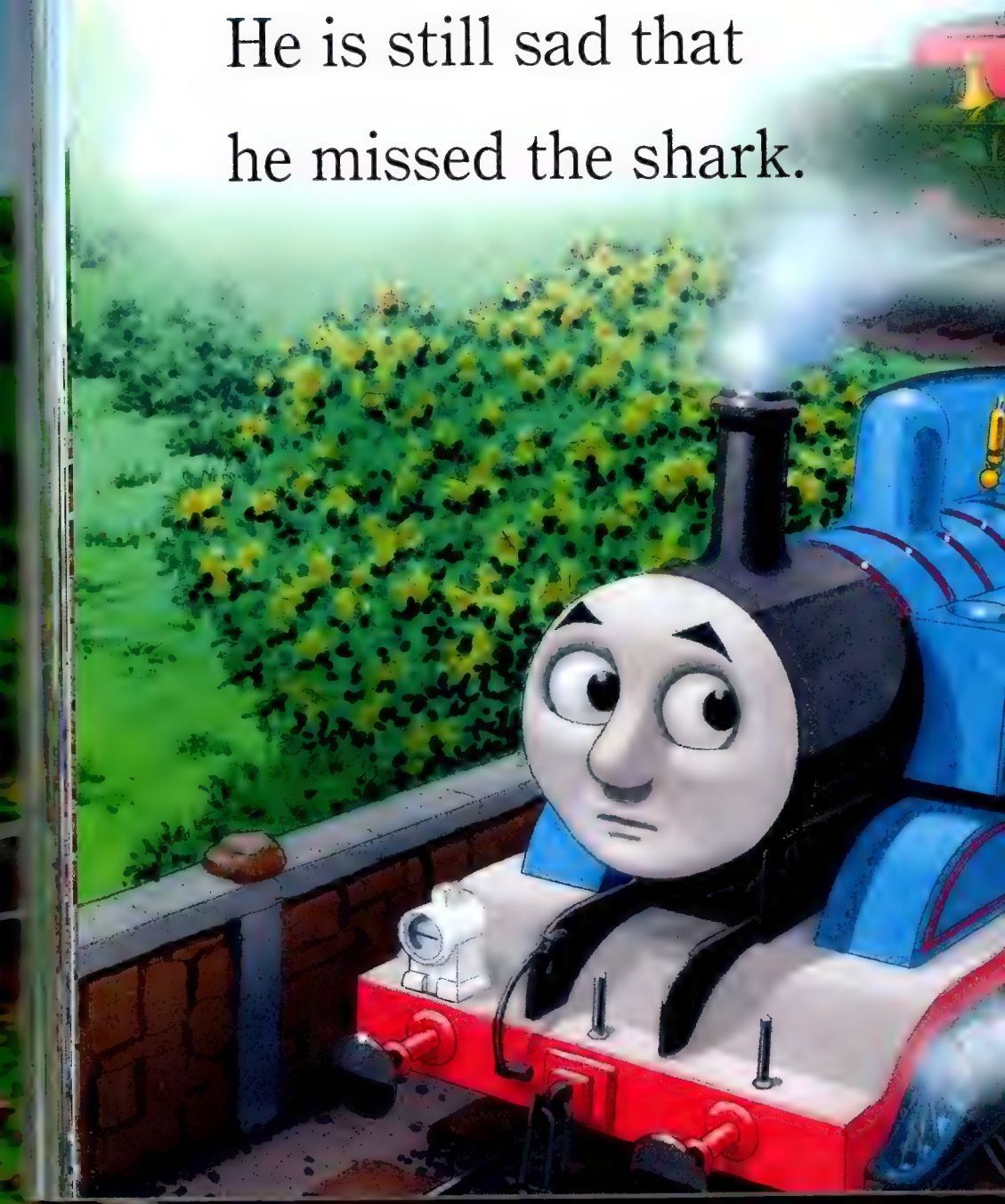
None of the engines
can catch up.

The shark car
is too fast!



Thomas is on his way
to the bakery.

He is still sad that
he missed the shark.



He hears peeps
and shouts.



Thomas stops.

He looks
up the hill.



He sees the shark!
It is rolling right
toward him.



Thomas speeds up.

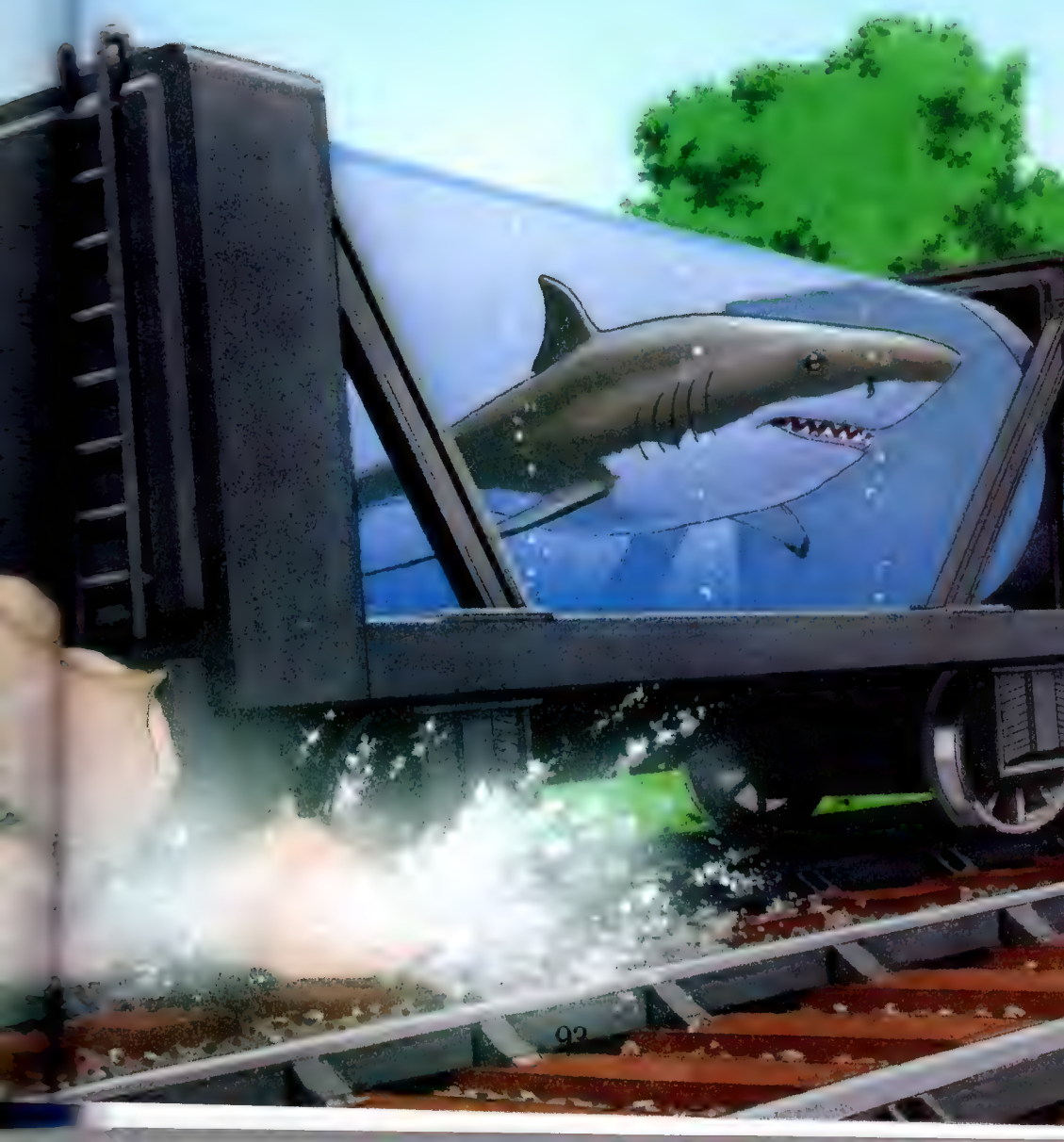
He gets in front
of the shark car.

He drops flour
on the track.



The flour slows down
the shark car.

Thomas stops the shark!



Salty and the other
engines catch up.

Salty thanks Thomas.

All the engines cheer.



“Will you take
the shark
to the aquarium?”
Salty asks Thomas.

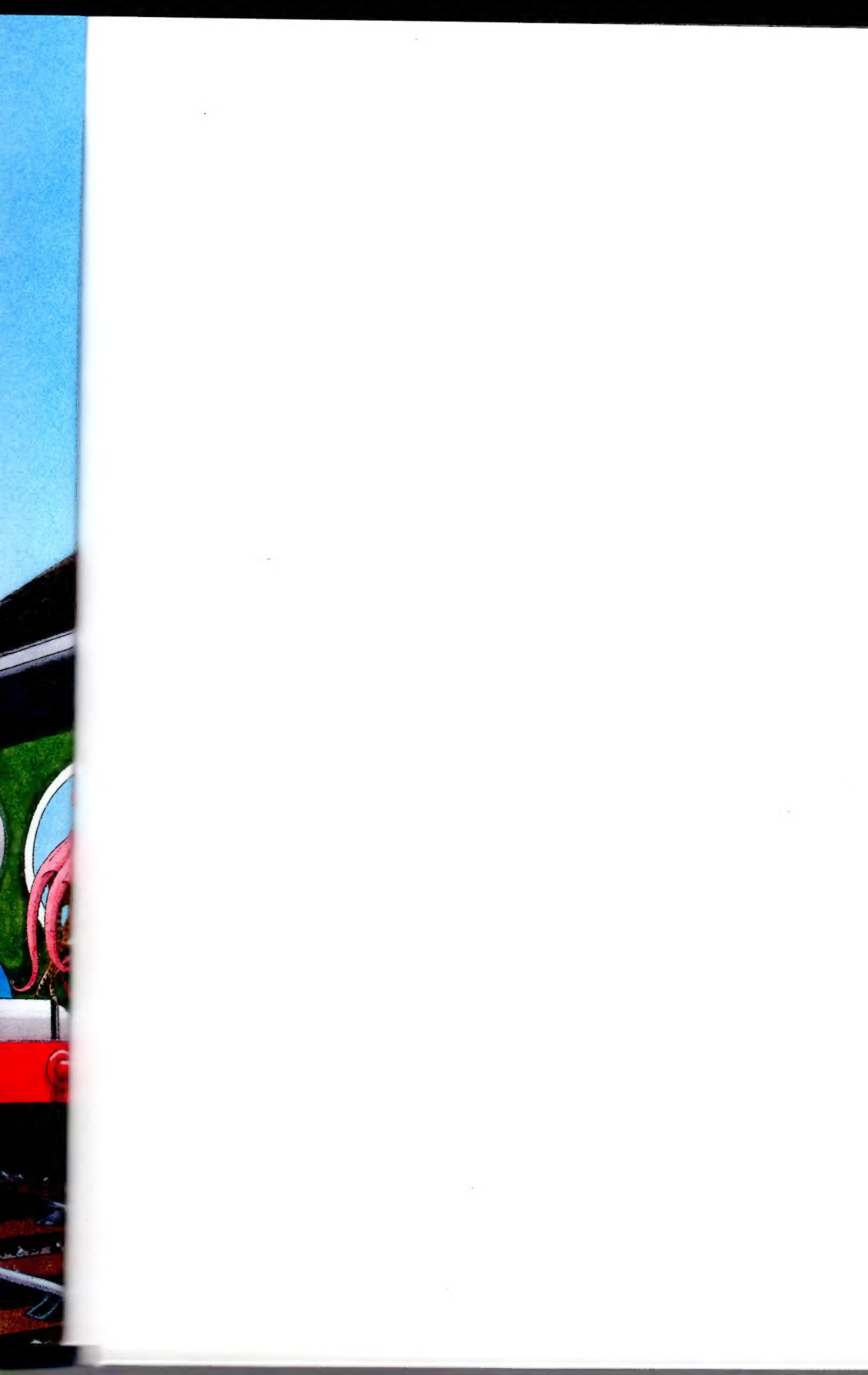


Thomas says yes.

He delivers the shark
safe and sound.

Thomas is a hero!









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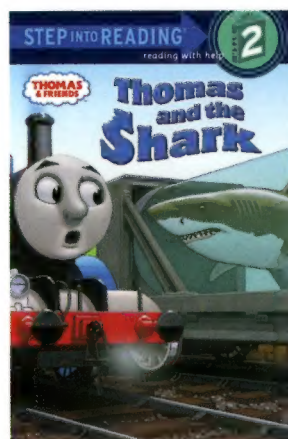
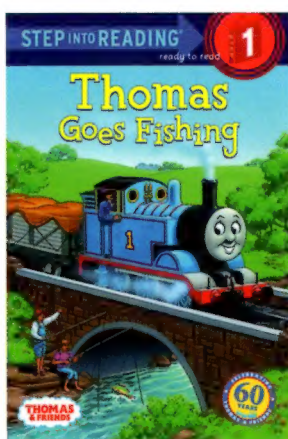
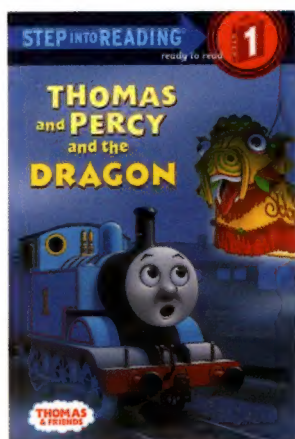
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